2389. *(Transferred to the 5th August,* 1992]

Reservation quota in Government Institutions

2390. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to ensure fulfilment of reserved quota in Government institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MAT! MARGARET ALVA):

Statement

Steps taken by the Government to fulfil the reserved quota are as follows:

(i) Government has banned derescrvaticm in all cases of direct recruitment to fill the vacancies in group A, B, C & D. Accordins to this, if SC/ST candidates are not available to fill the vacancies reserved for them, the vacancies will not be filled by other candidates and will be kept vacant to be filled in subsequent recruitment attempt? by SC/ST candidates.

(ii) Special Recruitment Drives have been conducted (1989, 1990 & 1991) to fill exclusively the backlog vacancies reserved for SC/ST.

(iii) To make up shortfall in the intake of SC/ST candidates, in posts filled by promotion in grades having direct recruitment quota, due to non-availabilty of suitable SC/ST candi dates, vacancies are temporarily diverted to the direct recruitment quota for SC/ST till such time suitable SC/ST candidates from the feeder cadre are available.

(iv) Various concessions and facilities like relaxation in upper age limit, exemption from payment of examination/application fee, more number of chances for appearing at an examination, relaxing the standard of suitability etc. have been provided to improve the intake of SC/ST candidates.

Post of Secretary to die Indian Forest Service

2391. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of about 2500 cadre strength, not a single post of Secretary to Government of India exists in the Indian Forests Service;

(b) whether it is also a fact that situation in the various State cadre* in squally leading to stagnation and demoralisation of the service; and

(c) if so, what steps Government pro pose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No post of Secretary to the Government of India is earmarked for any particular service. However, it is true that none of the present Secretaries, to the Government of 'India is from the Indian Forest Service.

(b) A statement of the year of allot ment of the junior most officers working in the various grades in the cadres par ticipating in the Indian Forest Service, is enclosed. *(See* below).

(c) To alleviate stagnation in the cadre, due care is taken at the time of consi dering the proposals for triennial cadre review of the strength and composition of the each cadre of Indian Forest Service,